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On Merdeka Day, 17 August 1951, a member of the Medan Civil Police visited all of the houses in two of the blocks of Djalan Sumatera which did not display an Indonesian flag. The policeman demanded to known why there was no flag and pretended to jot down names in a small book. The residents of these houses, all of whom were Chinese, paid from R 50 to R 60 not to have their names recorded. There have been no further developments, none of these have been summoned by the police.

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Comment. There have been reports of the police ordering drivers of cars to display flags on Merdeka Day. There appeared to be fewer 5-star flags displayed on this holiday in Medan than on previous similar occasions since the recognition of Communist China by Indonesia.

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